

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Dec. 10	TBA
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat. Dec. 16	5:00 PM	For Greg & Reva Braunwart (L)
Sun. Dec. 17	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Dec. 18	8:00 AM	For John Jackson (L)
Tue. Dec. 19	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL EXAMS
Wed. Dec. 20	8:00 AM	For †Judy Reilly
Thur. Dec. 21	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS [Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM]
Fri. Dec. 22	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS THIS WEEK
<i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sat. Dec. 23	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Sun. Dec. 24	9:00 AM	For †Marie Roth

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, KY. 41042 Room 215), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Patty Neuspickel’s son Jim, Alan Fields, Imogene Fisk, Larry Cappel, Sean Timmerding, Rodney Gurren, Maverick Orth (2 years old), Bill Edelbroich, Jim Wolfe.

BIRTHDAYS– Dec. 2-Andrea Huffman, Dec. 3-Ryder Cooper, Dec. 14-Ella Dickerson, Dec. 16-Imogene Fisk, Dec. 18-Joseph Broering, Dec. 23-Kaylynn Cooper, Dec. 24-Patty Neuspickel, Dec. 29-Megan Oldiges, Dec. 30-Michael Ryan.

ANNIVERSARY– Nov. 27-Bill and Nancy Schneider, Dec. 7-Howard and Penny Kluesener, Dec. 13-Jason and Julie Feinauer, Dec. 18-Rosanne and Bernie Rawe

ANNIVERSARY– *Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.*



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-6:50 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

Bulletin/Prayer List – Linda Fryman (859) 240-2377

Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2023

DPAA—We have achieved our goal!! Thanks to everyone who has given this year. Now, any DPAA donation given after meeting the goal comes directly back to St. Matthew and we do not have to pay the diocesan tax on it. Consider making an end-of-year donation through the DPAA so that it comes straight back to our parish.

GIVING TREE—Our giving tree is up and ready for you to take ornaments, purchase the gift, and put the receipt in the envelope on the table below the tree. If you do not have your gift back to us this weekend, you can get it back here by **Wed. Dec. 20**. Thank you for your generosity in helping families to have a better Christmas.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST AND CCD CHRISTMAS PLAY—We will have breakfast after the 9 AM Mass on Dec. 17 with the play following. All are invited. Come experience the joy of watching the students proudly put on their play and enjoy a delicious breakfast with our church family.

KENTUCKY MARCH FOR LIFE—Join other Pro-Life Kentuckians on Tuesday, January 23 for the 2024 Kentucky March for Life & “Love them Both” Rally. The program will begin with Mass at Good Shepard Parish in Frankfort, followed by a rally at the State Capital. The event will end with a procession to the Cemetery of the Innocents in the historical Frankfort Cemetery. The Pro-Life office will be organizing buses that will leave from Northern Kentucky. If you are interested in traveling with other parishioners from the Diocese, please contact the Pro-Life Office for more information, 859-392-1500.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE—We will have another priest here on Thursday evening to hear confessions in addition to Fr. Straub. Please come out and be spiritually prepared for Christmas!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS—Please have any flower donations and requests in by next Sunday morning so they may be printed for the special Christmas bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BLESSING OF BABIES—After Masses on Dec. 16 & 17 (bring your baby Jesus from your Nativity creche to be blessed by Fr. Straub)

CCD PLAY & BREAKFAST—After Mass on Sunday, Dec. 17

LECTOR— Dec. 17-Lisa Cooper, Dec. 24 (morning) - Bill Funke

CLEANING –Dec. 10– Genita and daughters

FROM THE PRIEST – O ANTIPHONS

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, marks the halfway point in the season of Advent. The Church takes this day to offer a brief pause to rejoice that the Lord is much nearer than before. In fact, today’s Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday from the old entrance antiphon which begins “Gaudete!” or “Rejoice!” One way this is done is through the Divine Office (the official prayer of the Church) using a series of antiphons in the texts to meditate upon who is coming on Christmas. These are called the O Antiphons, because each is an invocation to Christ. They are listed below along with their Latin titles and their dates.

Dec 17: O Sapientia – O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet gentle care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

Dec 18: O Adonai – O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

Dec 19: O Radix Jesse – O Flower of Jesse’s stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

Dec 20: O Clavis David – O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel, controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; & lead your captive people into freedom.

Dec 21: O Oriens – O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Dec 22: O Rex Gentium – O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

Dec 23: O Emmanuel – O Emmanuel (God with us), king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.

May we await with joy the coming birth of our Savior!

Fr. Jacob Straub

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AND CLARIFICATION

With Christmas falling on Monday, this serves as a clarification for Mass obligations

ONE MASS FULFILLS ONLY ONE OBLIGATION! NO DOUBLE-DIPPING!

4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas

Sat. Dec. 23—5:00 PM

Sun. Dec. 24—6:00 PM

Sun. Dec. 24—9:00 AM

Mon. Dec. 25—9:00 AM